Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I did not get the information at all.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You got information only after me. Did you take any action or ask the Panchayat why they did not report?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have issued instructions to the Panchayat to close the well temporarily by a fence. I have not got information as to the exact way in which it has to be got repaired.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did you not ask why they did not report the matter earlier?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—This item was included in the 1102 budget, and I have made a provision of Rs. 200 for cleaning the well. I do not generally try to close the wells.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So the matter came to your notice in 1102.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They did not make a report upon it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did the Government ask why they did not make any report on such an important matter? Was no action taken even after receiving the report?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Soon after the question was received.

Ollur Panchayat.

62. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) under what section were Messrs. Kalliathu Chakkory and Kaippilli Ayyappan Menon, members of the Ollur Panchayat, removed from office by the Diwan;

(b) was any explanation taken from them before removal; if so, what was the explanation;

(c) were these two members re-elected;

(d) how many meetings were held by the Panchayat after the re election and the number of meetings attended by these two members?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Under section 8 of Regulation V of 1089, as amended by section 20 of Regulation III of 1097.

(b) They were given an opportunity to explain their continued absence. Mr. Ayyappan Menon sent his explanation. Mr. Chakkory remained silent.

(c) & (d) Both of them were re-elected. The result has not been notified pending the disposal of certain complaints against the election.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the nature of the explanation of Mr. Ayyappa Menon and whether it was satisfactory or not?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I am afraid I cannot give you the information now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the explanation? Was any explanation taken from them before their removal; if so, what was the explanation? They were given an opportunity to explain. Here, what that explanation is is not stated.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have no information here. That matter was disposed of 6 or 7 months ago. We have a signed copy of the explanation, and both of them were removed from office.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the explanation I ask?

President.—He does not remember. It was disposed of 6 or 7 months ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The question was sent to him. Did he not see the file and did he not make an inquiry?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I shall find out what the explanation is and let the Member know in the course of the day.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So that I cannot ask supplementary questions. But cannot he say whether the explanation was satisfactory or not?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The explanation was not certainly satisfactory, and that was why he was removed.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—With the President's permission, I shall read out that explanation. This is his letter to the Superintendent of Agriculture:

"അവിടെനിന്നും ഫ്രീ ഓ-ൽ സി. ഓർ ഇ -ാം നമ്പ്രിൽ ഫ്രീ ഓ ന്ന ചിങ്ങം ഓ ഫ്ര -ാംതീ--ൽ അയച്ച എഴുത്തുകിട്ടി.

പഞ്ചായത്തു് യോഗത്തിൽ ഞാനും മറ്റുചില മെമ്പർമാരും ഹാജരാവാത്ത സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതും പഞ്ചായത്തു് മെമ്പറായിരിപ്പാൻ സൌകര്യക്കുറവുണ്ടെന്നു എന്നു അവിടെനിന്നും ഓ -ന്യ-ഫ്രീ ഓഫ -ൽ സി. ഫർഫ ഇ -ാം നമ്പ്രിൽ അയച്ച എഴുത്തിനു് മറുവടി അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുമാകുന്നു.

എന്നാൽ മെമ്പർസ്ഥാനം ഒഴിഞ്ഞു് രാജിനാമം അയക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു് എഴുതികാൺന്നപ്രകാരം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു് ഞാൻ ജനങ്ങളാൽ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു മെമ്പറായതിനാൽ ജനപ്രാതിനിധ്യം വഹിക്കുന്ന പഞ്ചായത്ത അതുക്കുത്തു് ഉൾപ്പെട്ട വോട്ടർമാരായിട്ടുള്ള എല്ലാവരുടേയും അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ അറിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ

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ശേഷമല്ലാതെ എന്റെ സ്വന്തമനസ്സാക്ഷിയെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരമോ ഇഷ്ടപ്രകാരം രാജിനാമം എഴുതി അയക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിഹമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു" ഈ വിവരം അറിവാനായി എഴുതിയിരിക്കുന്നു".

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— They were removed by section 8 of Regulation V of 1089. There it is said "if there is a misconduct or a neglect of duty," etc. why was he removed?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— For neglect of duty.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— If they were removed for neglect of duty, can they stand again for re-election?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Government consider there is no objection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is this Mr. Ayyappa Menon a Government servant?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Yes, he is.

Salt Contractor.

63. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House:—

(a) a copy of the agreement entered into with the present salt contractor by the Government;

(b) the quantity of salt supplied by the present contractor during each of the months after the date of the contract;

(c) the quantity of salt supplied by the previous contractor during each of the months for the two years previous to the date of the present contract?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— (a) Copy is placed on the Council Table for reference.

(b) & (c) Vide the statement appended (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Road between Pathiyaram and Chalakkudi.

64. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether petitions signed by a very large number of people from the Pathiyaram, Kodasseri and Elinjippara villages had been received by the Government in the years 1102 and 1103, requesting the Government to construct a road between Pathiyaram and Chalakkudi through the 'Pallipurath Padom'; and if so, how many and what action has been taken so far by the Government in this connection;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the above villagers had been agitating for the road in question for the last twenty years nearly and that the proposed road, if opened, will be very useful to the people of the locality as it will open out their country?

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